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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO AIR DIVISIONS AT RAMSTEIN AB,
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1. FOR ALL: THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE IS PLANNING TO
ESTABLISH TWO AIR DIVISIONS AT RAMSTEIN AB, GERMANY -- ONE
ASSIGNED TO THE MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND (MAC) AND THE
OTHER ASSIGNED TO THE STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND (SAC). BOTH
ACTIONS INVOLVE REORGANIZING EXISTING MAC/SAC COMMAND

STRUCTURES NOW IN EUROPE AND CONTRIBUTE TO A MORE LOGICAL ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE WHILE IMPROVING READINESS POSTURE FOR EUROPEAN CONTINGENCIES. ADDITIONALLY, RESTRUCTURING GIVES SHAPE, USEUCOM, AND USAFE A READILY ACCESSIBLE SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT FOR SAC/MAC FORCE EMPLOYMENT PLANNING.

A. MAC 322 AIR DIVISION WILL PROVIDE NUCLEUS FOR EXPANSION OF MAC OPERATIONS DURING MAJOR CONTINGENCIES. AIR DIVISION COMMANDER WOULD ALSO BE THEATER AIRLIFT MANAGER FOR CINCUSAFE AND CINCEUR AND WOULD BE COLLOCATED WITH AIR FORCE COMPONENT WHERE HE CAN DEVOTE ATTENTION TO AIRLIFT MATTERS. 322 AIR DIVISION WILL INCORPORATE EXISTING PERSONNEL AT RAMSTEIN IN MILITARY AIRLIFT CENTER EUROPE (MACE), AUGMENTED WITH 27 AUTHORIZATIONS FROM RHEIN

MAIN AB AND 22 SPACES FROM OTHER MAC ASSETS, GIVING PLUS 49 NEW SPACES AT RAMSTEIN. POSITION CHANGES WILL INCLUDE AN AIR FORCE BRIGADIER GENERAL (O-7) AS COMMANDER (EXISTING POSITION AT RHEIN MAIN WOULD BE MOVED).

B. THE SAC RESTRUCTURING WILL ELEVATE PRESENT 306TH STRATEGIC WING AT RAMSTEIN TO 7TH AIR DIVISION. ADDITIONALLY, DETACHMENT 1 AT MILDENHALL WILL BECOME 306TH STRATEGIC WING, SERVING AS PARENT UNIT FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DETACHMENT 2 AT ZARAGOZA AB, SPAIN AND DETACHMENT 3, HELLENIKON AB, GREECE. THESE TWO DETACHMENTS WILL IN TURN BE DESIGNATED AS 34TH AND 306TH STRATEGIC SQUADRONS. FYI: IF THE UK CONSENTS TO THE PEACETIME STATIONING AND OPERATION OF AN ADDITIONAL 15 KC-135S, THAT UNIT WOULD BE DESIGNATED A STRATEGIC SQUADRON UNDER THE 306TH WING. END FYI. FIVE PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATIONS WILL BE ADDED TO AIR DIVISION AT RAMSTEIN INCLUDING AN AIR FORCE O-7 POSITION.

C. SUITABLE ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE PROVIDED BY U.S. FOR 54 ADDITIVE PERSONNEL. ADDITIONALLY, NO NEW FACILITY CONSTRUCTION IS ENVISIONED FOR THESE MOVES.

2. FOR BONN: WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO ADVISE GERMAN GOVERNMENT OF AIR FORCE INTENTIONS AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE. SINCE MAC AND SAC WISH TO IMPLEMENT THESE ACTIONS BY 1 JUL 78, REQUEST YOU CONSULT WITH FRG ON FOREGOING AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. DUE TO PERSONNEL NOTIFICATION, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT COMMENTS BE RECEIVED NOT LATER THAN 1 JUNE 1978.

3. FOR LONDON, MADRID, AND ATHENS: WHILE THERE ARE
NO CHANGES IN PERSONNEL/MISSION FOR YOUR LOCATIONS,
HOST GOVERNMENTS SHOULD IN ANY CASE BE CONSULTED
REGARDING NOMINAL CHANGE IN UNIT STATUS, I.E., UK:
DETACHMENT TO WING; AND FOR SPAIN AND GREECE:
DETACHMENT TO SQUADRON.

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